

Gene Editing/Chestnut Deregulatory Steps

- White House Executive Order on Biotechnology – Mid-October 2018

The EO language states:

Sec. 6. Facilitated Review for Impactful Agricultural Biotechnology Products. Agencies will take steps to facilitate the review of gene-edited specialty crop plants used for foods that are designed to have significant health, agricultural, or environmental benefits, including those of significant interest to rural communities, with the aim of helping small and mid-sized developers and academic researchers to efficiently navigate the regulatory process as they bring innovative and safe products into the marketplace.

EPA has committed:

- 1) Genome Edited PIPs Exemption
- 2) Genome Edited PIPs Expedited Review Process
- 3) Regulatory Assistance
- 4) Exemption for Transgenic Blight Resistant American Chestnut Resistant PIP
- 5) Unified Biotechnology Regulation Website

Upcoming Public Engagements

- 6th Plant Genomics & Gene Editing Congress at a Gene Editing Regulation Panel in Philadelphia, PA on October 1st
- Specialty Crops Regulatory Assistance (SCRA) 'Nuts and Bolts of Biotech Regulations' Workshop for October 3 through 5, 2018 in Riverdale, Maryland